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SUBJECT: PLO PRESIDENT ADDRESS TO OAU SUMMIT TOGO FOMIN OPPOSES

ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UN

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. ACCORDING OFFICAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) JULY 30, PLO
PRESIDENT ARAFAT TOLD OAU HEADS OF STATE JULY 29 THERE WOULD
NEVER BE PEACE IN MID EAST WITHOUT PALESTINIANS. IN HIS STATEMENT
HE ALSO ACCUSED GOI OF USING U.S. NAPALM AGAINST PALESTINIANS,
PARTICULARLY IN SOUTH LEBANON, AND HE DECLARED ISRAEL WAS PREPARING
TO SOON UNLEASH FIFTH MID EAST WAR.

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2. RECALLING AFRICAN SUPPORT OF ARABS DURING 1973 WAR, HE URGED JOINT AFRO-ARAB EFFORT TO COMBAT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND DECLARED "IT WAS NATIONAL DUTY OF ARABS TO HELP AFRICAN COUNTRIES". ARAFAT REFERRED TO ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE AFRICA IN ORDER TO PERPETRATE SUBTLE COLONIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN THWARTED BY AFRICAN AUTHENTICITY. HE ALSO SPOKE IN FAVOR OF ERADICATION OF MINORITY REGIMES IN RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. IN CONCLUSION, ARAFAT STATED PALESTINIANS WANTED TO PRESERVE FREEDOM FOR ALL PALESTINIANS WHETHER THEY WERE JEWISH, MOSLEM OR CHRISTIAN.

3. PRIOR TO HIS STATEMENT BEFORE OAU SUMMIT, ARAFAT SAW MOBUTU. AFTER MEETING, ARAFAT TOLD PRESS THAT DISCUSSIONS REVOLVED AROUND AFRO-ARAB RELATIONS AND PALESTINIAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE. HE ALSO SAID THEY DISCUSSED PROBLEMOF REVISIONIST, ZIONIST AND IMPERIALIST PLOTS AGAINST THIRD WORLD LEADERS, INCLUDING ONE AGAINST MOBUTU. ARAFAT CONCLUDED PRESS CONFERENCE BY SAYING MILITARY SITUATION IN MID EAST WAS VERY GOOD AND THAT "WE ARE FIGHTING WITH DETERMINATION".

4. IN SEPARATE PRESS INTERVIEW AFTER HIS MEETING WITH MOBUTU JULY 28, TOGOLESE FOMIN EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MAINTAINING ISRAEL IN UN. HE STATED "IT BETTER HAVE INTERLOCUTOR, EVEN IF HE NOT ONE WE WOULD HAVE WANTED". END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: ARAFAT STATEMENT AND PRESSCONFERENCE ARE CLEARLY ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN STRONG AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN CAUSE. HE APPEARS TO HAVE CAREFULLY AVOIDED QUESTION OF ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UN WWHICH MAY WELL BECOME EXPLOSIVE ISSUE IN LIGHT MOBUTU'S AND SADAT'S REMARKS AND THEIR PRESUMED LOBBYING AGAINST COUNCIL OF MINISTER' RES. TOGOLESE POSITION MAY BE REFLECTION OF EVENTUAL GROUND SWELL AGAINST RADICALS WHO SUCCESSFULLY PUSHED RES THROUGH AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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